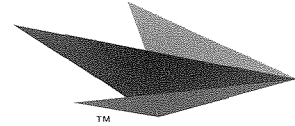


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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47
U.S.C. §160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence,
and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas,
WC Docket No. 06-172

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am submitting herewith a copy of the letter Embarq provided to the Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") in accordance with the procedures described in the Protective Order released September 14, 2006, requesting access to Verizon's confidential filings in the above-referenced proceeding. The attached letter contains a copy of the signed acknowledgement of confidentiality of regulatory director of Embarq, agreeing to be bound by the Protective Order.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

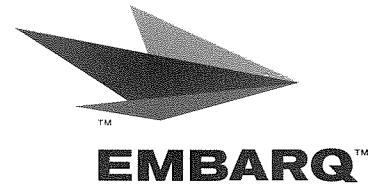
Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Embarq, and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Protective Order adopted on September 14, 2006, in the referenced proceeding, I am enclosing a copy of the acknowledgement of confidentiality of one person employed by Embarq who will require access to confidential versions of Verizon's filing in this proceeding. An acknowledgement is being submitted for the following individual:

Regulatory Director for Embarq

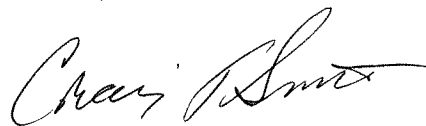
Jeffrey S. Lanning

Embarq requests that the individual listed above be granted access to all of Verizon's confidential filings in this proceeding. Access to full versions of Verizon's filings will be necessary for Embarq to formulate a complete response to the assertions contained in Verizon's forbearance petitions. A copy of this letter and the attached acknowledgement of confidentiality is also being provided to the Commission today as indicated in the attached letter.

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Please let me know if any questions arise in connection with this submission.

Sincerely,

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Craig T. Smith

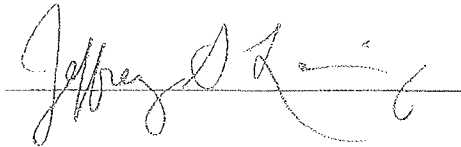
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Attachment A

WC DOCKET NO 06-172

I have received a copy of the Protective Order in WC Docket No. 06-172. I have read the order and agree to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. The signatory understands, in particular, that unauthorized disclosure, or the use of the information for competitive commercial or business purposes, will constitute a violation of this Protective Order.

SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Lanning", is written over a horizontal line.

NAME:

Jeffrey S. Lanning

TITLE:

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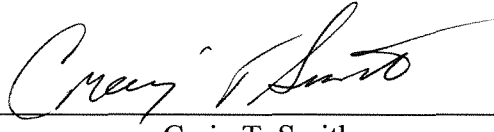
November 15, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Craig T. Smith, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Acknowledgments of Confidentiality were filed via ECFS and served upon the below Counsel of Record by First Class Mail, postage prepaid on this 22nd day of November 2006:

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